

REMARKS:

The Applicants further submit that the Restriction Requirement alleges that Claims 1, 10, 19, and 28 are only generic claims for Group I. (9 June 2006 Office Action, Page 3). The Applicants disagree. The Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 10, 19, and 28 are also generic for Group II based on the Examiner's grouping of the patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, i.e. a system, method, and program for generating a RFQ. The Applicants respectfully request correction of the generic claims for Group II to include Claims 1, 10, 19, 28, and 29-31.

The Applicants hereby elect Group II and Claims 29-31 (which are directed to a single species), which are further directed to a system, method, and program for generating a RFQ having a data and metrics model, a state transition model, and a user interface workflow with traverse, in accordance with the applicable Rules of Practice and to advance the prosecution of the subject Application. As mentioned above, based on the Examiners grouping of the patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, Group II should include generic Claims 1, 10, 19, 28, and 29-31.

In addition, the Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement is improper. Accordingly, in traverse, Applicants request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement for at least the reasons set forth above, or in the alternative that Group II should include generic Claims 1, 10, 19, 28, and 29-31. Because the Applicants have elected an alleged Group and set forth the claims directed to that Group, as set forth by the Examiner, this response is complete. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (817) 447-9955 with any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to the subject Application.

CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing election with traverse and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

No fees are deemed to be necessary; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 500777**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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